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FLORIDA HOUSE DEMOCRATS ELECT REPRESENTATIVE RON SAUNDERS SPEAKER-DESIGNATE FOR THE 2010-2012 TERM

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Members of the Florida House Democratic Caucus today elected Representative Ron Saunders (D-Key West) to serve as Speaker-designate for the 2010-2012 term of the Florida Legislature.

“The election is over, and we are a united team,” said Representative Saunders. “Thank you, thank you. I look forward to working with each one of you.”

Representative Saunders served in the House of Representatives from 1986 to 1994. He was elected again to the House in 2006 and 2008. He served as House appropriations chairman from 1990 to 1992. He presently is the Democratic Ranking Member on the House Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development.

Representative Saunders, 54, is an attorney and 1976 graduate of the University of Florida. He is a fifth-generation Key Wester. In 1991 and again in 1992, he was voted “Most Effective House Member” by The Miami Herald Poll and has also been the recipient of such awards as the Secretary of State's Legislative Arts Recognition Award and the Florida Jaycees Outstanding Young Floridian.

Representative Saunders is married to Melodie Saunders and is father to their son Ryan. His father, Jack A. Saunders, served in the House of Representatives from Monroe County from 1960 to 1964.